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FREE FORUM ON MEDIATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC ARENA

A free public forum on "Mediation in the Diplomatic Arena" will be held on Friday, November 5, 2004, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Supreme Court Conference Room, 417 S. King Street, 2nd Floor.

Retired Ambassadors Alvin Adams and Charles Salmon will share their wide-ranging mediation experiences with the State Department during their international careers and show how mediation is used even at the highest diplomatic levels.

Ambassador Adams is a volunteer mediator with the Hawai'i State Judiciary. Following his retirement from the Foreign Service, he served as President and CEO of the United Nations Association of the United States. Adams' assignments in the State Department included serving as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador at Large for Counter Terrorism and as Deputy Executive Secretary of the State Department.

Ambassador Salmon is the Acting State Department Advisor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies located in Waikiki. He previously served as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i, from August 1993. He also served as American Ambassador in Vientiane, Laos; Director, Office of Philippine Affairs; Director, Office of Thailand and Burma Affairs in Washington D.C.; and Deputy Chief of Mission in Rangoon, Burma and Wellington, New Zealand.

November is Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Month. The forum is one of many activities scheduled in November that highlight ways disputes may be resolved outside of the courtroom.

The forum is part of a series of free public information sessions sponsored by the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Mediation Center of the Pacific, and the University of Hawai'i's Program on Conflict Resolution. Participants may bring their lunches to the forum.

For more information or to request disability related accommodations, call the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution at 539-4ADR (4237).

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